



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet

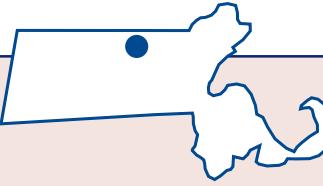
Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. MRPC serves the 19 towns and three cities comprising the Montachusett Region, which is west of Boston and has 230,000 residents. The nationwide decline in manufacturing employment, coupled with the closure of the Fort Devens Army Base, has adversely affected the Montachusett Region. Approximately 6.6 percent of residents live in poverty, and the region's unemployment rate is 6.9 percent. Redevelopment of brownfields is expected to



Assessment Grant

New
2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Hazardous substance grant funds will be used to conduct at least ten Phase I and at least two Phase II assessments at selected sites in the 22 municipalities of the Montachusett Region. Grant funds will also be used for community outreach activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

lead to new commercial and industrial enterprises, greenspace, residential development, and municipal uses.